1100 referred to in the answer to question No. 134 of the Legislative Session of 1103 ; if so, what are the orders ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—No petition was received on 5th Makaram 1100. Orders have not been passed on the others.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what is the cause of this long delay to pass orders on these petitions ? The first petition was put in on 1st Dhanu 1100. It is more than three years.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I cannot say now. I am unable to say it now.

Liquor Shops.

69. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the total number of liquor shops, toddy shops and foreign liquor shops, licensed in the Cochin State and existing on the 1st of Mithunam 1103 ;

(2) the number of such shops that are allowed in the year 1104 ;

(3) the total quantity of arrack supplied to the shops from the distillery in 1103 up to the 1st of Mithunam 1103, and (a) to the shops, and (b) to others whether inside or outside the State ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(1) and (2).

	1103.	1104.
Toddy shops	429	418
Arrack shops	230	223
Foreign liquor shops	47	The No. cannot be specified now

(3) Quantity of arrack issued to shops from the distillery up to 1st Mithunam 1103—4428·45 Proof Gallons..

Quantity of arrack issued to depots 13941·2 Proof Gallons.

Do. Ernakulam Warehouse (underbond)—16848·4 do.

Within the State arrack is not issued to any person other than the depot or the shop licensee, and outside the State to none.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, may I know whether this reduction in the number of toddy and arrack shops is based on any principle ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The only principle is we tried to see how far we can reduce the number of shops without introducing illicit practices. In a way we inquire into the needs of the locality and the demand there and then gradually

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reduce as many shops as we can safely do. That is the principle.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You inquire into the demand you say. Whether any inquiry into the demand for location of shops is made ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Only localities where shops are located.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know how you ascertain the demand for liquor ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—We question the people there. My Inspectors, who know the locality, know the wants of a particular locality.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know, Sir, how you calculate the liquor necessary for a locality ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I cannot usefully add anything to what I have already answered.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—This Council carried a cut to say that 5 per cent of the shops should be reduced progressively. May I know whether the Department has taken note of that for the coming year ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes, I have noted it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The question is whether the Department has taken note of it.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is it given effect to in the year 1104 ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Not to that extent.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—To what extent have you carried that, please ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Are all these supplementary questions, Sir ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The toddy shops numbered 429 in 1103, and 418 for 1104. So there is a reduction of 11 shops for next year. That is to say, in the toddy shops the reduction will be more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Arrack shops this year are 230 in number and next year 223. That will give nearly 3 per cent.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know have you any information which are the shops that have been reduced in each locality, whether in towns or in urban localities ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Well, I am unable to give that information now.

Income and expenditure in the Registration Department.

70. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of documents registered

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